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JOURNALS AND NEW BOOKS

JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. February 1918. *Methods and Results of a Class Experiment in Learning* (pp. 63–82) : W. F. DEARBORN and J. M. BREWER. – General principles concerning individual differences, characteristics of the curve of learning, correlation, effect of various factors on individual progress, characteristics of the curve of re-learning, and facilitation or interference as a result of practise are illustrated by a class experiment. *Certain Abilities Fundamental to the Study of Geometry* (pp. 83–90) : J. H. MINNICK. – Four abilities are called upon in the formal demonstration of a theorem of geometry—ability to draw a figure, ability to state the hypothesis and conclusions, ability to recall additional facts about a figure when one or more facts are given and ability to select from the available facts those that are necessary for a proof, and to arrange them so as to arrive at the desired conclusion. The purpose of the experiment was to determine the relation of each of these four abilities to teachers' marks, to determine the extent to which these abilities are developed in the various schools included in the investigation, to develop tests which may be used for the purpose of diagnosis. *A Study of a Class of Children of Superior Intelligence* (pp. 91–98) : HENRIETTA V. RACE. – From the study it was concluded that gifted children are able to accomplish, with ease, the ordinary two years school work in one year, that they are apt to be unusually able in various fields of human learning, that they are especially capable of handling ideas and that their thinking is marked with quickness and directness. *Communications and Discussions. Abstracts and Reviews. Editorial. Notes and News. Publications received.*

Calkins, Mary Whiton. *The Good Man and the Good: an Introduction to Ethics.* New York: The Macmillan Company. 1918. Pp. xx + 219. \$1.30.

Sarkar, Benoy Kumar. *Hindu Achievements in Exact Science: A Study in the History of Scientific Development.* New York, London and Bombay: Longmans, Green and Company. 1918. Pp. xiii + 82. \$1.00.

NOTES AND NEWS

THE Summer Training School of Psychiatric Social Work conducted by the Boston Psychopathic Hospital and Smith College under the auspices of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene opened at Smith College July 7th with an enrollment of 68 young women